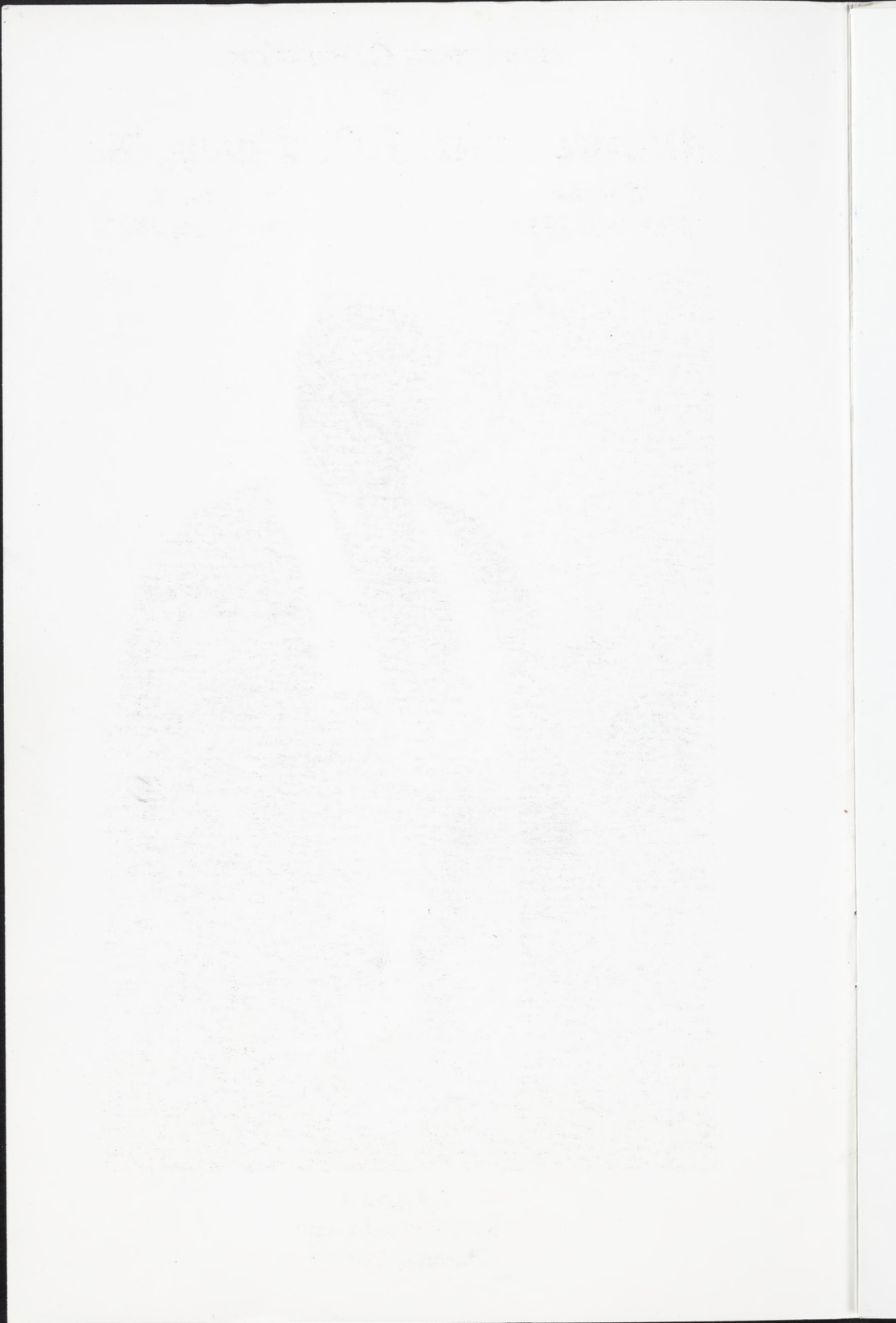
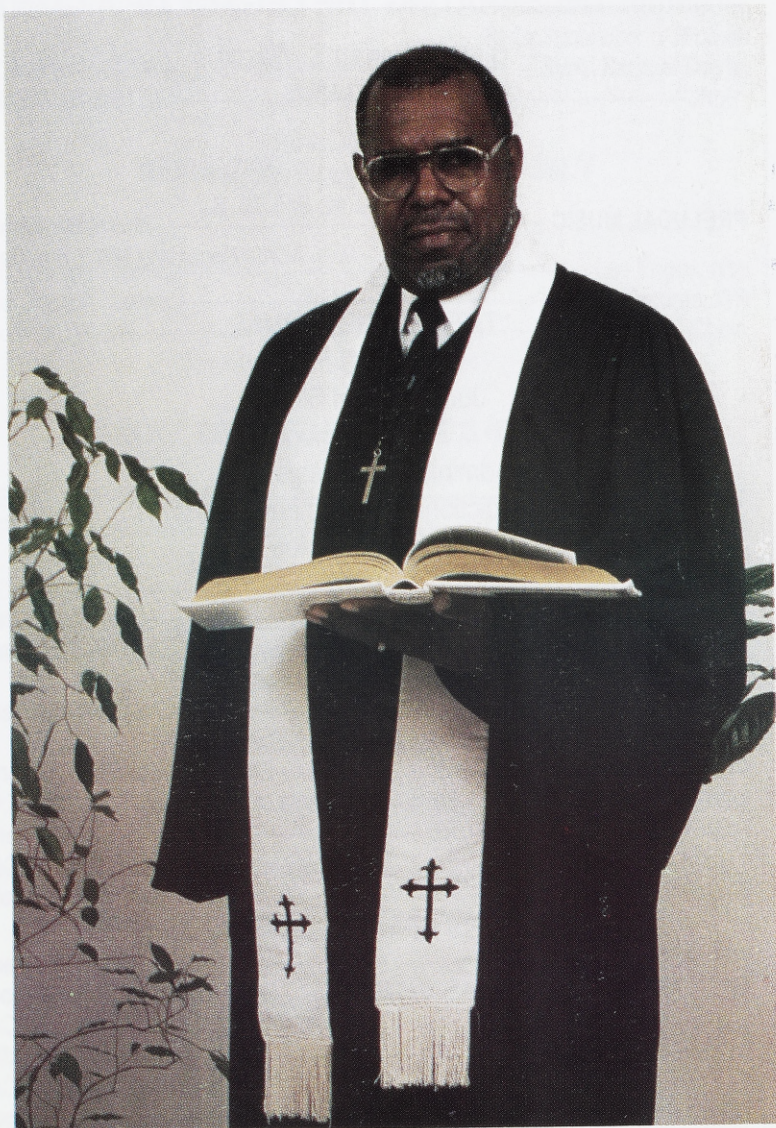


JD Perry



Homegoing Celebration
Of
Admin. Asst. J.D. Perry, Sr.
Sunrise *Sunset*
March 2, 1936 *March 26, 2002*



Officiating
Elder Edward Carter
Phoenix, Arizona

The Divine Order of Worship

Friday April 5th 2002

Theme: CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF A GIANT

Bishop Warren S. Wilson

OFFICIANT

Elder Ed Carter

MASTER OF CEROMONY

PRELUDAL MUSIC _____ **Music Ministries**
Eld. Norris Kemp and Min. Chris Boyd

THE PROCESSIONAL

Adjutant General

Jurisdictional Bishop

Visiting Bishops

Administrative Assistants

Jurisdictional Pastors and Elders

Visiting Clergies

Family

THE CALL TO WORSHIP _____ **Elder Ed Carter**

THE PRAYER OF COMFORT _____ **Eld. Willie R. Moore**

Pastor, Greater Vision-All Nations COGIC

HYMM OF COMFORT _____ **The Choir and Congregation**

"When we all Get To Heaven"

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE _____ **Eld. Lawrence Montgomery**

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Tabernacle of Praise COGIC Stockton CA.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE _____ **Eld. Larry Montgomery**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Bibles Way Ministries COGIC Stockton CA.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC _____ **Mass Choir**

REFLECTIONS CIVIC & SOCIAL LEADERS

KIWANIS _____ **Mr. Bill Febuary**

WEST FRESNO MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE _____ **Rev. Paul Binion**

West Side Church of God Fresno CA.

DOWNTOWN CLUSTER _____ **Pastor Jim Franklin**

Cornerstone Church Fresno CA.

MILITARY _____ **Eld. Sam Gaston**

Christian Memorial Seaside, CA

MUSIC TRIBUTE -----Sis.Tracy Perry

REFLECTIONS CALIFORNIA VALLEY JURISDICTION

PASTOR-----Eld. Donald Harris

SUPERINTENDENTS -----Supt. Johnny Matthews

WOMENS DEPARTMENT-----Mother Blanche D. McGee
State Supervisor of Women

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT -----Supt. Samuel Doyle

MUSIC TRIBUTE-----Choir

REFLECTIONS - EXTENDED FAMILY & SONS IN THE GOSPEL

Eld. Donald Bronson ----- Las Vegas, Nev

Eld. Joseph Lawyer,-----Tacoma, WA

Musical Tribute-----Choir

"Smooth Out The Rough Edges"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, CARDS & RESOLUTIONS

LEGACY OF THE MAN -----Missionary Carol Perry

SPECIAL REMARKS-----Supt. William C. Perry
Gospel Harvest COGIC, Oakland, CA

SOLO-----Mother Para Lee Rollins

Assistant State Mother Metropolitan Jurisdiction

Introduction of Jurisdictional Prelate -----Supt. E. V. McGee

Admin. Assist California Valley Jurisdiction

EULOGY-----Bishop W. S. Wilson

Jurisdictional Prelate, California Valley Jurisdiction

RECESSIONAL

Repass - -----People's Church Fellowship Hall

WAKE SERVICES HELD

Thursday, April 4, 2002

Viewing: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Service: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Power House Institutional COGIC

“N” and Calaveras Streets

Fresno, California



FUNERAL SERVICES HELD

Friday, April 5, 2002

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Peoples Church

7172 North Cedar

Fresno, California



INTERMENT

Monday, April 8, 2002

Cherokee Memorial Cemetery

Lodi, California



REPASSE

Immediately following the services at

People's Church Fellowship Hall

Fresno, California

LEGACY OF THE MAN

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness"

II Timothy 4:7-8a



Luke Chapter 10 proclaims the story of a man that went down to Jericho and fell among thieves. A priest and Levite both saw him and passed by then... "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. This story exemplifies the legacy of the late Pastor Jewell Donnell Perry. His life was full of journeys that began in his home, filtered into the local community and continued throughout these United States and abroad. His passion was to assist anyone in need regardless of race, creed, or color. His immediate family came to the realization that Pastor "J.D." Perry's life extended beyond their lives and belonged to the people. We shall note some general information about him then highlight you about the real and personal "man". You will discover that beyond his diverse accomplishments he was much more than them all. The world was exposed to a very rare and priceless "Jewell" that chose the road of servitude than worldly fame.

Jewell Donnell Perry, Sr., the second son of six boys, was born March 2, 1936 to his parents William Clyde "Baby" and Jewell Perry in Spur, Texas. In May 1936, his parents relocated to Los Angeles, California. In 1940, the family, moved once again and relocated in Stockton, California.

"Baby Brother", so named by big brother William, attended Roosevelt and Fair Oaks Elementary before entering Stockton High School. Subsequently, he was transferred to and graduated from Franklin Senior High School of Stockton. He went on to attend San Joaquin Delta Community College and receive his AA degree from Fresno City College.

Jewell (JD) attended Power House Church of God in Christ pastored by his father and there he received his early religious training and received Christ in his life at an early age.

At the age of sixteen, JD enlisted in the US National Guard and later was inducted into the United States Army from which he retired as First Sergeant after 26 years of dedicated service.

In 1964, JD rededicated his life to Christ and was called into the ministry at Fresno Temple under the late Elder HY Rogers. Rev. RA White, from Shreveport, Louisiana was conducting the revival, aiding in his rededication to the Lord. JD served as one of the youngest Trustees and Junior Pastors at Fresno Temple.

There in Fresno, Elder JD Perry met Harlene Easter. They united in Holy Matrimony in December of 1965.

After he was ordained, Elder JD Perry began his first pastorage in 1966 at the small New Bethel Church of God in Christ in Fresno. In 1971 he was appointed pastor of Wayside Church of God in Christ of Fresno. There he served faithfully gathering his congregation. He started with 25 members and no children. Using a little 15 passenger bus, he traveled through the neighborhood and slowly increased his membership to include children, families and community members that eventually filled the church. Just as he was in full motion, he received orders to go to Germany with his entire family for four years.

His first tour of duty was in Korea for one year. He was required to return to Korea later and served 3 more years there. In 1967-69 he did a tour of duty in Germany and was then transferred to Vietnam for one year.

Upon returning to Fresno, along with his family, Elder JD Perry joined Immanuel Church of God in Christ under Supt. WS Wilson. He served as Junior Pastor of Immanuel. He was stationed in Los Angeles and commuted weekend and worked faithfully.

Elder JD Perry was instrumental in the campaign to elect WS Wilson as the first Bishop of the California Valley Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. JD became the first state wide YPPW (Young Peoples Willing Workers) President. Later he was elevated to the Superintendent of the Fresno District. At his demise he was the Superintendent of the Sunrise District.

While in Bitburg, Germany Elder JD Perry became the pastor of a non denominational gospel service for the military. While bringing the word of God to military personnel from all over the world, many souls were saved and blessed by his efforts. For many this was a Azusa experience yielding the salvation and infiltration of the Holy Ghost to all that received him and believed. Over eleven young men were called into the ministry as a result this dynamic man's leadership. The International Mission of the Church of God in Christ appointed Elder JD Perry the first Superintendent of the Church of God in Christ in Germany. He was supervising several churches in his jurisdiction during his stay in Germany.

He did his last 18 months in the military in El Paso, Texas. There he played racketball and became the Military Post Champion at Fort Bliss. He continued with his non denominational gospel service for the military and attended services under Supt. Moore at the Church of God in Christ in El Paso. He retired from the military in El Paso.

Supt. JD Perry, along with his family, returned to Fresno in 1980 and founded Power House Church of God in Christ that was located on Church and Fig Streets. Power House started with six members and his family. Soon the congregation had outgrown the building and the search began to find a new church home. In 1990 Power House Institutional Church of God in Christ was established on the corner of "N" and Calaveras in Fresno. Now

they were able to house approximately 750 and Supt. Perry continued with his ministry.

Supt. JD Perry had numerous ministerial accomplishments, but the one he held highest was his appointment as Administrative Assistant to the Bishop of the California Valley Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ. Other positions that he has held include: State Chairman of the Superintendent Board California Valley Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Superintendent of the Sunrise District California Valley Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, President of the West Fresno Ministerial Alliance, Trustee of California Valley Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, and National Adjutante International Mission of Church of God in Christ.

Preceding Administrative Assistant JD Perry in death are his beloved parents, The Flying Evangelist: The Reverend "Baby" Perry (d. 1963) and Missionary Jewel Perry Tolton (d. 1975), his loving brother, Louie Driver Perry (d. 1995) and his first great grandson, Grant T. Jones (d. 1999).

Administrative Assistant Jewell Donnell Perry, Jr. answered GOD'S call on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. He was a warrior in GOD'S Army. He leaves to cherish his memories: his devoted, loving wife of 36 years, Missionary Harlene Perry; five sons, Barton L., Sr. (LuAnn), Joseph D., Sr. (Cheryl), Gerald D., all of Fresno, California, Stephen (Valena) of Colorado Springs, Jewell D., Jr. (Virginia) of West Covina, California; five daughters, Cynthia Rubye Jewel of Long Beach, California, Tracy Perry and Darling Burch (Percy, Jr.) of Fresno, California, Joni R. Davis (Jeff) of Central, South Carolina, Robin Hubert of Stockton, California; four brothers, William C. Perry (Laverne) of Oakland, California, Lonnell C. Perry (Juanita) of Sacramento, California, Charles E. Perry of Los Angeles, California and James Perry (Brenda) of Stockton, California; thirty-five grandchildren; a special sister (cousin), Assistant Paralee Rollins (Leon) of Sacramento, California, two special sons, Elder Joseph Lawyer of Tacoma, Washington and Elder Donald Bronson of Las Vegas, Nevada; many nieces, nephew, other relatives and friends.

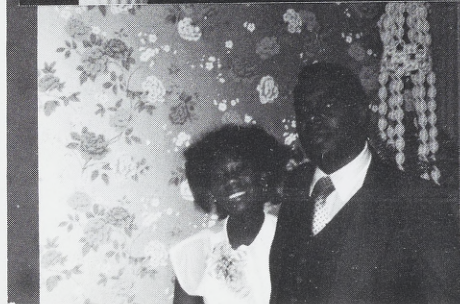
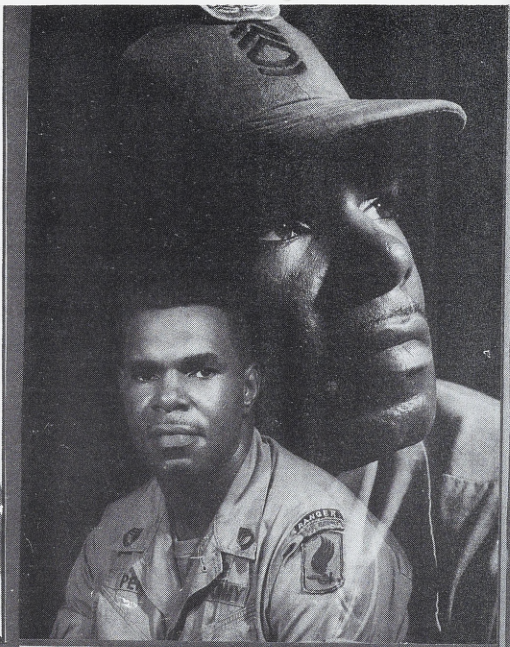
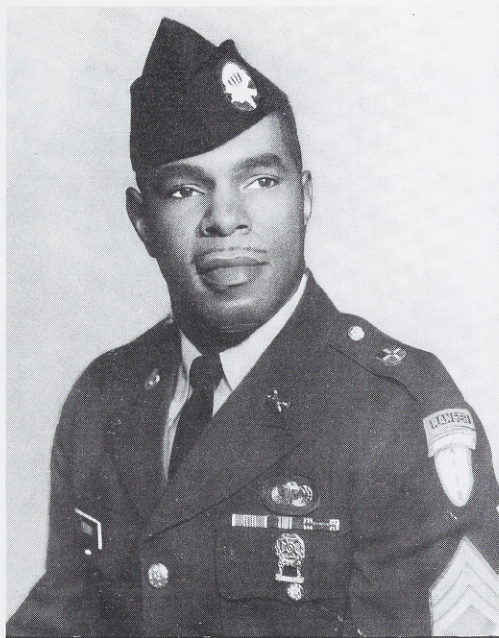
"The Man", "JD", "Pops", "Daddy", or simply "Dad Perry", sacrificed his life to the service of people. The above names described his person in various roles within and outside the church.

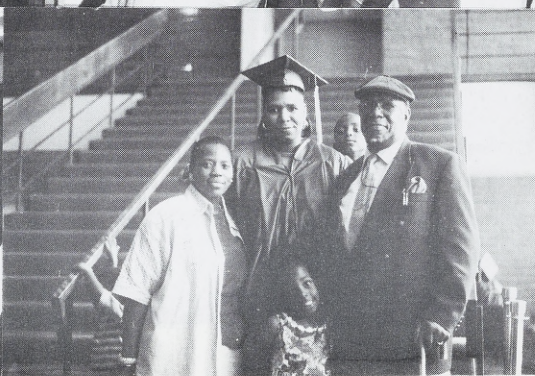
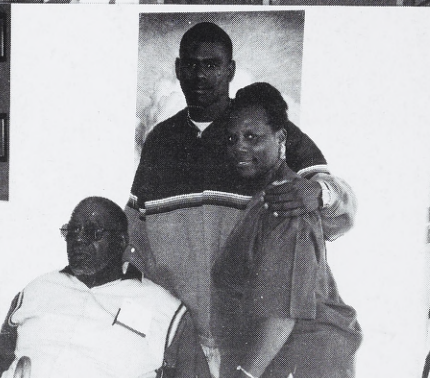
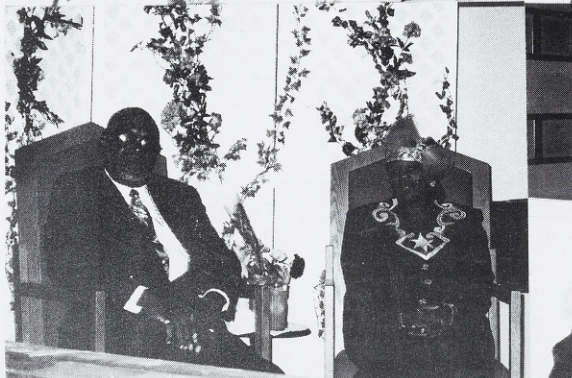
The truth is, he was the same everywhere regardless of whom he was dealing with. He had the intellectual wisdom to converse with bishops and generals and yet identify with laymen and subordinate soldiers. It was second nature to see him riding a moped while chewing a piece of candy seeking an opportunity to tell someone about the Lord.

Greatness is not measured in the size of a man's title, but the boundaries of his heart. He knew who he was at all times regardless of where he sat. "JD" would sacrifice a great speaking engagement in order to support one of his daughters or sons in need, utilizing his own finances.

For many years during the annual International Convocation, the average delegate would fly commercial airlines to attend. "JD" was famous for flying practically everywhere on military hops. Yes, he was effective in reaching numerous people as he hopped sometimes several flights to get to his destination. Sometimes this meant overnight lay overs. For most this yielded nights of frustrations and anguish. "JD" would seize the most of the opportunity, trading addresses and phone numbers, adding to his databases possible candidates for the kingdom. Sitting in his presence for some was compared to a Paul sitting at the feet of Gamaliel, while others recognized the wisdom of a modern day Solomon. For some "JD" was a pastor's pastor. To his wife, "JD" was a responsible loving husband that in all his endeavors treated her with the ultimate dignity and respect of a virtuous woman. ALL of his children recognized him as a supporting hero.

Knowing the uniqueness and unorthodox methods of "JD" his flight home should not surprise us. I can hear him saying, "Lord I spent my life helping those on the Jericho road. I don't want my wife or children taking shifts in the care of me if I were to suffer during death. So if you only will allow me to catch one last hop. If you call me, I will answer." This was the opportunity of a eternal lifetime. The call was made with one first class seat for "JD" Perry. He had no time to formally say goodbye because his life revealed all the instructions needed for all that sat in his presence. The final "Hop From Earth to Glory" was made on March 26, 2002 for a faithful servant. The legacy of Pastor "JD" Perry will never die because a piece of this "Jewell" will be cherished in each of our hearts.







PALLBEARERS

Darius Perry
Charles E. Perry, Jr.
James E Perry, Jr.

Lee Drew Perry
Anthony Perry
Gerald A. Perry



HONORARY PALLBEARERS

William C. Perry
Lonnell C. Perry
Willie R. Moore, Sr.
Ed Givens

Charles E. Perry
James Perry
Roy Bradley
Charles Deloney



Expression of Appreciation

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so, we saw it there.

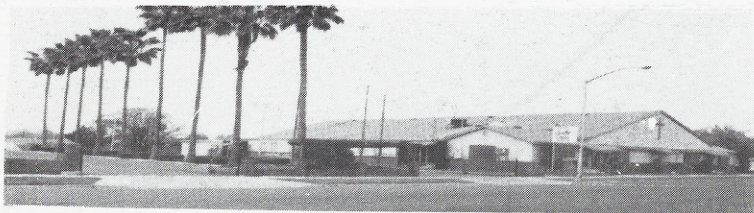
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,

We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Wherever your pathway leads, may God be with you.

The Family



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